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This Fall 1981 issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD features reports from the Festival of Hope Convention held in Portland, Maine, August 12-16. Approximately 1,800 delegates (including over 500 from overseas countries) participated in this centennial celebration of the birth of the Christian Endeavor movement.

From the opening prayer service on Wednesday afternoon through the concluding service on Sunday evening, delegates prayed, worshiped, and fellowshiped together in unique services and activities that will never be forgotten. This once-in-a-life time convention brought Christian Endeavorers together in a spirit of unity and love that is continuing to reach around the world even though the convention has long since concluded.

Countries represented at the convention included: Australia, Austria, Burma, Canada, Egypt, England, Federal Republic of Germany, German Democratic Republic, Guatemala, Guyana, India, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Lebanon, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Samoa, Scotland, Sierra Leone, Switzerland, Tonga, United States of America, and Wales.

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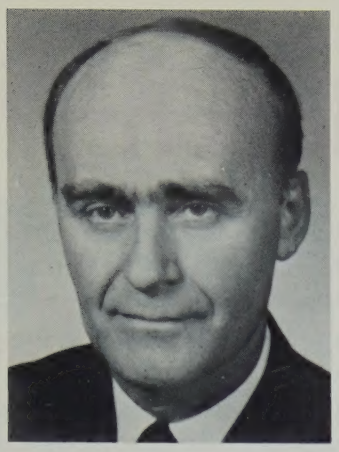


Portland was a Blessing For Me

by Arno Pagel, World's Union President

The 19th World's Christian Endeavor Convention, called Festival of Hope, was a blessing in many aspects. Those days — August 12-16, 1981 — will never be forgotten in my mind and heart.

The Convention mass meetings were permeated by spiritual strength and impressiveness. The evangelistic appeal of Dr. Luis Palau caused many young people to surrender their lives to Christ and be ready for His service. The Christian Endeavor drama presented by Dan Neidermyer was a fascinating survey of the beginnings and the development of a movement. The Australian group, THE ENDEAVOURERS, and other choirs from different countries proclaimed the praise of God in wonderful musical performances. The well-attended Bible Studies proved that Christian Endeavor is and will remain a Bible-centered organization. These and many other experiences in a very rich program were a source of blessings to the delegates from all over the world.

What was exceptionally impressive was the atmosphere of Christian love, friendship, and fellowship which welded the participants of so many nations, languages, and colours into one great family. Because of the strike of the air-controllers during the days of the Convention, I could not arrive in Portland on Wednesday. I was very sorry to have missed the opening session. When I entered the City Hall Auditorium the next evening I was welcomed by the delegates in such a warm and friendly way that I was deeply impressed and rejoiced.

At the World's Convention in New Delhi, India in 1978, we greatly missed our friends from South Korea so I visited them following the Convention. This time, however, several Koreans were able to share in this 100th anniversary. Again and again they spoke with me, wishing to know if I recognized them; they even brought along photos from 1978. They were so happy to be involved in this exciting occasion and by their very presence expressed to their comrades from around the world, "We are friends, brethren in Christ." The language barrier was practically eliminated by the radiance of their faces. God is blessing Christian Endeavor in Korea abundantly. Their membership nears half a million.

Delegates and visitors from twenty-seven other countries enjoyed the worldwide fellowship of the Portland Convention. How thankful everybody was that two brothers in Christ from the German Democratic Republic could take part in our Convention. What a wonderful blessing!

The German delegation had an older couple in their midst. Brother Schmalgemeier had been the president of a rural Christian Endeavor society for many years. His young people were devoted to him and in appreciation had bought airline tickets for Portland for him and his wife. He was overwhelmed by such affection and generosity although concerned that the rigors of the trip might be too demanding. His greatest anxiety had been, "I do not understand or speak any English." He questioned whether he and his wife really should join the German group. I reassured and encouraged him.

When I met him in Portland, he told me with great confidence, "Although there are many things at the Convention different from my rural area and, although I cannot understand the English messages, I am quite at home because of the spirit of love and brotherhood so much in evidence. I thank God that He has granted me this unique opportunity." I was blessed when I heard this old farmer tell of the blessings he received in Portland.

During the Convention a letter was handed to me from a missionary who worked with the Wycliffe Bible Translators. She wrote, "I send congratulations to Christian Endeavor in this centennial year for its faithfulness and loyalty to Christ and the Church. I found Jesus Christ as my personal Savior at the age of sixteen in a Christian Endeavor society. Its emphasis on commitment and service to Christ and to others influenced my choice for full-time service. I am deeply grateful."

What a thrill to read such a testimony! Thousands upon numberless thousands can tell a similar story. The history of one hundred years of Christian Endeavor implies much human weakness and failure, but it is filled with divine mercy and love. God's impact on the lives of young men and women all around the world who have found Christ, loved Christ, and served Christ is immeasurable. What a story of blessing! Praise the Lord that it is continuing. The Portland Convention has shown and proved it; I was abundantly blessed there.

100 Years Later

The Williston Church

by Clyde W. Meadows

The Williston-West Church of Portland, Maine, U.S.A., is well known and appreciated around the world because it was in this church that the first Christian Endeavor society was organized Wednesday evening, February 2, 1881, under the leadership of the pastor at that time, Rev. Francis E. Clark. From there the movement spread to more than 100 countries in every part of the world and has continued to serve for more than 100 years.

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of this great movement, the World's Christian Endeavor Convention was held in Portland August 12-16, 1981. At the opening session Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, who served as the third World's Union president 1962-74, presented a plaque to the pastor of Williston-West Church, Rev. S. George Bovill, to be placed in the church. The plaque reads as follows:

To Commemorate 100 Years of Service for Christ and the Church
By

Christian Endeavor

Organized in this church by
Dr. And Mrs. Francis E. Clark
February 2, 1881

We praise the Lord for the work of the Christian Endeavor movement which began in this place and has spread throughout the world. In this first hundred years it has touched the lives of millions — leading them to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord; bringing them into the life of the church; sustaining and training them for the service of Christ and His cause. Christian Endeavor now looks forward to the future with a total commitment to Christ and whatever He would have us to do.

Presented by the World's Christian Endeavor Union at the opening session of the Centennial Convention, "Festival of Hope" 1 Peter 1:3, Portland, Maine, U.S.A., August 12, 1981.

This church was the center for many activities of the 100th anniversary convention. A very impressive prayer service was held Wednesday afternoon, August 12, under the leadership of Harold E. Westerhoff, who served for many years as the general secretary of the World's Union. Elwood Dunn, past president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, was the speaker.

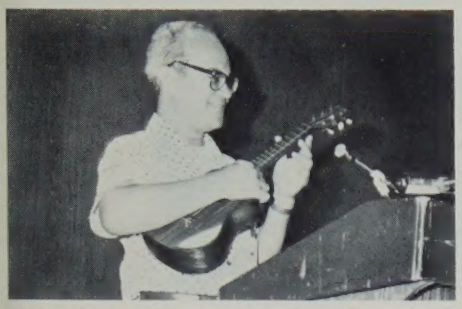
Mr. Westerhoff also coordinated the Christian Endeavor meetings each afternoon during the convention, which were led by Endeavorers from various countries.

Highlighting the events in Williston-West Church were the communion services at 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. Sunday, August 16, which filled the church to overflowing in the second service. Dr. Meadows was in charge, assisted by Pastor Bovill. The worship service at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. James Heron, national organizer for the Christian Endeavor Union of Great Britian and Ireland, presiding, and Rev. James Murdoch of Scotland, vice-president of the World's Union, bringing the message was most impressive, with the church again filled to capacity.

The present pastor and congregation demonstrated the true spirit of Christian Endeavor by stepping in at the last minute to serve hundreds of meals to foreign delegates and others who came ahead of the convention. The church displayed many colorful items depicting the history of Christian Endeavor and was beautifully decorated for the occasion of the 100th anniversary convention.

Kaleidoscope

by Anna Assink



Otto Galea'I representing American Samoa

Jamaican Endeavorers participate in Worldwide Fellowship

Many people from many lands made the World's and International Christian Endeavor Conventions a kaleidoscope — ever changing in beauty and form. The Festival of Hope was that. To attend such a convention was enriching and long to be remembered.

There was beauty in music. From the first evening, when George Campbell's delightful Scottish Endeavour Singers thrilled our hearts, to the concluding hours when Australia's THE ENDEAVOURERS, highlighted the convention, music was a catalyst.

Most national groups at the convention transmitted their cultural and spiritual feelings through the common bond of music. When Jamaicans sang their national anthem, delegates stood; it was a privilege shared. Australian John Smith explained, "It is a matter of our singing that people might know that Jesus Christ is Lord."

There was beauty in people — they testified; they loved; they cared.

Otto Galea'I, General Secretary for the American Samoan Endeavorers, said that if it had not been for Christian Endeavor he would not be a pastor today.

In Egypt, Christian Endeavor came by way of a twenty-two year old American missionary-teacher in 1891. Egypt now has 750 societies.

In the South Pacific, on the very small island of Tonga, there are 204 societies with 8,000 members. In South Korea, where Christian Endeavor has existed for 60 years, there are 700,000 members. God has surely blessed the growth of Christian Endeavor around the world.

Some Endeavorers arrived alone. Mrs. Anna May Say Pa represented Burma. As a teenager she went to Christian Endeavor meetings where she came to know the Lord personally. She is now studying for her doctorate at Princeton Theological Seminary so that she may teach her people in Burma to become ministers.

There was beauty in language. While many people spoke and understood English, many languages and dialects flavored the atmosphere. We were told by the Welsh, with tongue in cheek, that the language of heaven was Welsh. The effectiveness of languages was demonstrated by the Rev. Konrad Brandt of Germany, Dr. Luis Palau, Argentinian evangelist, and the Rev. Charles Barner of the United States. When they gave announcements and message outlines in German, Spanish, and English, it was not only helpful, but interesting to the listeners.

One of the most beautiful of all languages was seen, not heard. The gracious ministry of sign language, shared by Cathi-Grace Clark each evening, was appreciated by everyone.

There was beauty in drama. By contrasting youth of today against youth of 100 years ago, Dan Neidermyer illustrated that, while styles have changed in the last century, the needs of youth remain the same; they must have meaningful Christian activities.

Choreography and costumes were well chosen by THE ENDEAVOURERS from Australia. Their picturesque manner of sharing was dynamic as they presented events which occurred among the apostles who bore testimony to the new-found power of God's Holy Spirit.

There was beauty in giving. Gifts extended friendships into the future. Many gifts freely shared were needlepoint and cross-stitched CE emblems, Hawaiian leis, Mt. St. Helens' ash, pennants, balloons, pins, and ribbons.

And what did the future look like to Endeavorers? David Gower of Wales said, "CE is teaching somebody to do your job."

The Rev. George Richmond, pastor of a Moravian Church in Guyana, feels that CE serves as a warm fellowship that constantly challenges members to greater commitment and that the pledge sets the standard.

The Rev. Billy K. Simbo, President of the Sierra Leone CE Union in West Africa, shared this challenge: "We need to approach the second century with a sense of responsibility . . . There is a reason CE is allowed to survive 100 years . . . We must fulfill that purpose . . . Let us clarify our goals, aims, and purposes."

Endeavorers are concerned about the future of the Christian Endeavor movement. The past is prelude. The future is beginning.

The kaleidoscope is touched; the view changes: new vision, new joy, new beauty, new hope.

It Happened

From all around the world, people came to share in this great centennial convention. Beleaguered air lines, unpredictable schedules, monsoons and hurricanes couldn't keep them away, and this is what they said.

NIGERIA

We, the Nigerian delegates to the Centennial Convention, would like you to know some facts about the Nigerian Christian Endeavor Union.

When we were organized in 1970, soon after the Nigerian Civil War, our total membership was 500 — all from one denomination. The Union was reorganized in 1973 when Dr. Clyde Meadows visited Nigeria. A strong administrative board was formed with S. E. Akpan as president and Bishop A. A. Akpan as secretary. Three other denominations joined the group, increasing the membership to 2,500.

In 1976-77, when the Rev. Arno Pagel visited Nigeria, the congregations had grown to eighteen, with about 15,956 active brother and sister Endeavorers.

When the National Convention was held in Ikat Ebah-Abok recently, the membership numbered over 25,000 and it is assumed that, in this centennial year, approximately 35,000 Endeavorers have committed themselves to win souls for Christ.

Cyril G. Akpan

THE NETHERLANDS

In the worldwide scope of Christian Endeavor, the organization in the Netherlands is infinitesimal. Fortunately to God, however, numbers are not important. He looks into one's heart.

For the glory of God we can say that He used Christian Endeavor in the Netherlands in many ways. Young people found the way of life through Christian Endeavor and were then called to the Lord's service on the mission fields as deaconesses and in the ministry.

(Above) *Pennsylvania youth relaxing between sessions* **(Above right)** *Endeavorers from Nigeria speaking* **(Right)** *Balloons ready to launch*

What is Christian Endeavor doing in the Netherlands today? The Netherlands have five youth groups and a number of single members, totaling about one hundred. These gather for weekly meetings which are preceded by prayer sessions, and once a month for an hour of devotions.

Our activities include singing in youth services in the church, singing in hospitals and homes, and organizing open evenings. Our young people want to be involved; they want to face life with the reality of God's word to open physical and spiritual doors. Despite being small, we won't tire of working because the Lord of harvest has said that there will be one night in which no man can work. Therefore, let us take courage to go on.

Sister Francine Van der Meer

IRELAND

The opening prayer service of the 1981 Centenary Convention was held Wednesday, August 13th at 4 p.m. in the Williston Church. We, the Northern Ireland delegation, were among those who attended. How exciting it was to be in the place where, 100 years previous, Christian Endeavour had been born, and how exciting to see this church still carrying on its work for the Lord our God today. Most nations were represented and, although there were many whom we did not know, there was a togetherness in the unifying power of the Holy Spirit. Our speaker was Mr. Elwood Dunn who talked concerning prayer — how are we to pray? It must be with submission to the King of Kings, with specific ideas in mind and with relevance to our lives and individual needs. Prayer is not "a laying hold on God, but allowing Him to lay hold on us."

Our meeting continued with twenty-five people — each giving a verse of Scripture which had special meaning for them; following this, a number of people prayed. It was a moving experience, and we do praise God, not just for the Prayer Service, but for the convention in its entirety as a time when each one furthered his knowledge of his Lord and of God's family worldwide.

Joanna McGreery

In Portland

(Above Left) *Greetings from the German Democratic Republic* **(Above)** *Guatemalans in colorful native costumes* **(left)** *The Scottish Endeavour Singers*

PENNSYLVANIA, U.S.A.

It's hard to believe, but fourteen kids in a motor home for a twelve hour drive finally did arrive in Portland, Maine. If it hadn't been for the donations from our church and the hard work of our pastor and Christian Endeavor members, it would never have been possible for us to attend "The Festival of Hope."

Our most enjoyable moments were spent in making friends with Christians from all over the world. Due to transportation problems on the first night, we developed a friendship with four young Japanese men to whom we offered a ride to the evening meetings. We shared songs, games, exchanged gifts, and compared differences and likenesses between Japan and the United States. It was a pleasure to get acquainted and we plan to keep in touch.

Our contacts, of course, expanded as we met and talked to people from different parts of the world who had a common bond in Christ and with His church.

One evening, we had a lobster dinner. It turned out to be a real adventure for the first-time lobster eaters. We certainly entertained the people in the restaurant with our new experience.

Never shall we forget the four principles of Christian Endeavor that were stressed throughout the week. For us, commitment to Christ seemed to be the most important. We realized commitment must be an everyday effort. We felt that we needed to make this our goal; then, the other principles of service for Christ, loyalty to Christ's church, and fellowship with Christ's people would fall in place.

Trina Heizman
Kelly Grieb

GERMANY

"Hope Through Christ" was printed in German on the banner which hung on the wall of the gymnasium at Gorham campus. This both surprised and pleased the 140 German delegates who attended the convention. Fascinating, too, was the colorful mixture of people representing twenty-seven countries from around the world.

The emphasis on God's Word during our Bible Study and discussion times related to the four principles of Christian Endeavor: Confession, Service, Loyalty and Fellowship. This was presented in German to the German delegates so that all could understand that Jesus Christ is still the focal point of our movement. Not variations in national life styles nor denominational distinctions should dissuade the participants from the message of the Bible. God's Word should encourage a new dedication to Jesus Christ. The impact would have been tremendous if each person had been offered the opportunity to re-sign a pledge card at Portland. It would have re-emphasized the fact that our union in Christ is always greater than divisions created by humans.

Two disappointments which confronted the German group involved distance and age. Because of the 16 miles between the campus where we were housed and the in-town locations for activities it was difficult to share in the over-all convention encounters and fellowship which flavor a world's meeting. Secondly, we missed the large number of young American Christian Endeavorers who we anticipated would be attending. We wondered where they were since we had met them at previous conventions.

The clear and penetrating messages of Dr. Luis Palau, the number of delegates who responded to his invitation to accept Christ, the rich and varied musical programs must make us ever mindful of using the right words at the right time so as to be blessed by God's wonders and His promises to His children.

Konrad Brandt

INDIA

Isn't it a miracle that Christian Endeavor which started one hundred years ago still lives — alive with life, life which has vigour, vital-

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY C

SIERRA LEONE

During my years in Christian Endeavor I have attended many challenging conventions — in Ontario, Canada, in Sierra Leone, and this year, the Festival of Hope in Portland, Maine, was no exception.

The music especially thrilled my heart as we saw and heard the most beautiful renditions from God's family around the world, all lifting their spirits to the One who is our hope.

What a thrill to hear God's servants presenting His Word. Our Bible Study leader, Anna May Say Pa, was a joy to listen to as she shared the Word along with a bit of the culture from her country, Burma. Georgia Kay from Hawaii then led our lively discussion periods.

I thank God for the worldwide Christian fellowship we experienced in Portland and for permitting me to partake of it.

Shirley Fretz

HAWAII, U.S.A.

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! Psalm 133.1.

When there is a gathering of Christians, you can be sure that joy, praise, and thanksgiving wi abound. The opening session of the 1981 Christian Endeavor Convention was but one of the many high points of our weekend in Portland Maine. The sense of unity that our psalmist wro about became a physically moving experience as delegates from every country rose in response to the call of nations. In this age where political strife hampers free relations among countries, it is truly a blessing that we can assemble under one roof, for one cause, for one God.

Suzanne Mahalo

CANADA

"The Endeavourers" from Australia provided a glorious musical prelude to the evening meeting of August 14, 1981. Rev. Takashi Oku of Japan, Vice-President of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, urged Endeavourers to show the spirit of the Christian Endeavour movement which is Jesus Christ to a confused world.

A highlight of the convention was the inspiring message of Dr. Luis Palau, president of the Luis Palau Evangelistic Association, who challenged all of us with his "Four Secrets of Effective Service." Dr. Palau told the delegates that God will use them if they know what it means to sacrifice for Him — to present your body as a living sacrifice, to take up the cross and follow, to die to self. Every time the individual's will encounters God's will and that person chooses God's direction, the power of Jesus is used in and through the individual. Thus, we serve by knowing the meaning of the cross in our personal lives.

Kathryn Gould

INDIA

It was really great and exciting that forty-five Indian delegates could see the church in which Christian Endeavour started 100 years ago while attending the Centenary Convention at Portland. We did enjoy all of the programme and have returned home full of the joy and blessings resulting from our fellowship. What a challenge we have to serve Jesus Christ and His Church better through Christian Endeavour in this second century. Please keep Indian Endeavourers in your prayers.

B. K. Pramanik

JA

We express our dee Christ that we heard th felt the love of God in t Maine. Now we stand second century of Chri work diligently with the the Kingdom of God. V and managing of the c welcoming so many pe countries. In turn we w this convention with ou Japan. May the grace of the Holy Spirit be up until we shall see you year.

Rev. Nobo

Canadian Endeavourers in song

Culture and Customs of India being shared

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AUSTRALIA

The Australian delegation which inspired the convention with its tremendous message in music, reported on the Bible Study periods at Westbrook College as follows —

"Kent Maxwell was refreshing, enthusiastic and uncompromising, but also loving in his presentation of God's Holy Word. This is needed in the world today where humanism is invading the schools, news media, films and all other areas of life, intimidating many of the clergy who do not speak out clearly to youth. We must put our entire trust in God as we commit ourselves to Him, to the service of Jesus Christ who lives in us and gives us the power and strength we need.

We cannot compromise. Divided loyalties have been a problem since Biblical times. We, as Christian Endeavorers, must cleanse ourselves of every defilement, confess our sins and needs to God and live a holy life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The discussion groups were very worthwhile as we sought clarification of our many questions.

Marjorie Mason

NORTH CAROLINA, U. S. A.

As we worshipped at Williston-West Church, I was overwhelmed by a sense of history — this is where Christian Endeavor began; in this city, in this church, to real youth and a real pastor. We walked from the church to the home of Francis and Harriet Clark, where those cookies were baked and served, those ideas shared and eagerly accepted — the very beginnings of Christian Endeavor.

The memorabilia were there — scrapbooks, photos, banners. There was a sense of honoring the past, but this was more than a remembrance of the past, more than a tribute to Francis E. Clark and a hundred year old youth movement. This was a festival of hope, a challenge for the next century. Francis Clark was not the center of attention. Jesus Christ was the focal point. Each day's activities pointed us to our Lord and the salvation He offers, the loyalty and service He demands, the fellowship His people share.

It was a time of remembrance, renewal of hope.

Brenda Lidbom

WALES

For one hour each morning, Holiday Inn Downtown, Portland, Maine, Westbrook College, and Gorham Campus became stages for the world as Christian Endeavorers from many countries met to share a little of each other's life style at the Worldwide Fellowship meetings.

Singing, speaking, praying and laughing — each one shared in his own language. Where else could you hear people from Burma, Wales, Samoa, Nigeria, West Germany, Hawaii and so many others — all very different and yet all the same — all Christian Endeavorers. They shared their love for Jesus Christ and His Church.

It intrigued me to discover that, even when you couldn't communicate with words, people smiled, and a smile is the same in any language.

We shared in a Festival of Hope in a world that would be hopeless but for the love of God and the trust, obedience, and hope of His children. How can we be but hopeful?

Jan Tutten

THE ENDEAVOURERS represented Australian C.E.

Welsh and English delegates are recognized

It Happened in Portland

(continued)

Japanese Endeavorers at Williston-West Church

A light moment during the Birthday Party

New York C.E. is well represented

ity, and great potentiality. "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass." (Ps. 115:11). The secret that Christian Endeavor marches on lies in this trust.

India has sent representatives to Christian Endeavor's world conventions in the past, but Portland was unique because:

1. This was the first time 45 Endeavorers representing thirteen states and six areas participated in a World Convention outside of India.

2. All the national officers of the India Christian Endeavor Union, with two members of the Executive Committee, were able to participate.

3. For the first time the Indian delegation had the opportunity of celebrating its Independence Day (35th Anniversary) with Endeavorers from many different parts of the world.

4. The Indian delegation conducted a Christian Endeavor meeting at the 'Birthplace' of Christian Endeavor, the Williston-West Church in different Indian languages. It was such a moving and inspiring experience to be alive, joining in that worldwide fellowship.

We needed a Festival of Hope. Today's world is groping to find that hope promised by our Lord Jesus Christ which redeems from all existing confusion, chaos, economic instability, social degradation, disease, worry, fear, and hunger. The Festival of Hope sent its participants, as messengers of hope and with renewed commitment, to serve Christ and His Church with loyalty and in fellowship with Christians of their respective countries.

We are thankful to God to have been part of Portland, 1981.

David Feeld

ENGLAND

What more could go wrong — speakers ill, speakers and delegates delayed by the Air Traffic Controllers' strike. Surely this was enough trouble, but more, indeed, was to come; the public address equipment was stolen.

Such were the problems facing the presentation of the Thursday evening programme, but the Lord is good and there was much to rejoice our hearts.

The tone was set by the Texas Handbell Choir which played some of the hymns that mean so much to us all. Our hearts thrilled when the World President, Rev. Arno Pagel, arrived after long delays caused by the Air Controllers' strike. Twenty-seven nations responded to the Roll Call and what a welcome each received!

The theme for the day was Commitment to Christ, and Rev. Pagel challenged us to surrender the whole of our lives to Christ. It's so easy to get carried away with enthusiasm at a great meeting. Let us examine our commitment to Christ in the affairs of everyday.

Doris Freeman

Getting to Know You . . .

Prior to and after the World's Convention, many overseas delegates visited other sections of America. In some areas they stayed with Christian Endeavor families and friends. The following reactions are from both visitors and hosts.

Scottish Endeavour Singers

You can say our tour was a tremendous experience — meeting thousands of people, staying in hundreds of homes, and sharing our concert with many diverse communities.

Wherever we stopped, the Christian Endeavorers had arranged sight-seeing trips, dinners, barbecues, and surprises. We even watched the Royal Wedding in Britain on our hosts' TV's at 4:30 one morning.

No regular tourists would have fared so well. From Woodstock, N.Y., to impressive West Point Military Academy, to the fascinating Amish countryside in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, from historic Philadelphia to the Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, to Derby, New York, and spectacular Niagara Falls, we looked and saw and walked and sang.

What a marvelous trip to a truly magnificent country! We are deeply indebted to all who arranged this tour and we thank and praise God for His many blessings to us.

Bob Storrar
Scotland

Christians + Christians = Fellowship

After the convention in Portland one group of German delegates, of whom I was one, traveled to the greater Philadelphia area where we lived with Christian Endeavor families. This experience became a distinctive and memorable part of our American trip. We were impressed by the friendly reception and the investment of time and money made by our hosts to insure our having a never-to-be-forgotten experience in Philadelphia, Valley Forge, the Amish country, and Ocean City.

Not only were our physical and social needs cared for but we shared also in the church services, Sunday School and Christian Endeavor activities.

Such vacation get-togethers provide a dynamic strengthening of our faith as we discover that Christians everywhere basically have the same goal — eternal life.

Kurt Janssen
Germany

Hosting Christian Endeavor Guests

The centennial theme: "Christ, the Hope of the World" was reinforced in our lives as fourteen German young people shared ideas and experiences in our Pennsylvania homes for ten days after the convention.

In addition to establishing close friendships, the hosts had the opportunity to take a refresher course on their own area by showing their guests historical, cultural, and recreational sites. Through worship, prayer, and Bible study with these German friends we gained a spiritual insight into our unity in Christ. All believers truly are one in Him.

Speaking for all the Pennsylvania hosts, it has truly been a pleasure to have had our German guests with us. We look forward to being with some of them again next year in Scotland.

Jack R. Rothenberger
Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Scottish Endeavourers fellowshiping on tour

German delegates sharing in song

It's F-U-N

The FUN of entertaining Christian Endeavor delegates from other countries is spelled as follows:

F is for the FELLOWSHIP we experienced in having two German girls and a British couple in our home. It was such a blessing to share our daily life with them that it enhanced our Christian fellowship to what we are sure will be life-long friendships.

U is for the UNDERSTANDING that we acquired of our guests' lifestyle, culture, and spiritual beliefs which helped us to understand more clearly our oneness in Christ.

N is for the NEVER-TO-BE-FORGOTTEN experiences of those days when we shared a variety of delightful activities with other host families and their Christian Endeavor guests.

We thank God and Christian Endeavor for making this experience possible. Some day we hope that you, too, may have this F-U-N and that it will be a blessing for you as well.

Loraine and Roxanna Schlimm
Pennsylvania, U. S. A.

Bits and Pieces

What better place to have "Clarks" in attendance than at the 100th anniversary of Christian Endeavor in Portland, Maine.

First, there was *Harold Clark,* 93 years old, son of Francis E. Clark, the founder of Christian Endeavor. Harold, who visited the convention in a wheelchair, propelled by his son, *Francis E. Clark,* won the hearts of the young people by playing the piano after a Christian Endeavor meeting in the Williston-West Church.

Then there was a British *Francis Clark,* who attended his first World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Portland in 1981 with his wife, Winnie, from Bristol, England.

The young lady who offered to interpret all of the evening convention mass meetings into sign language and to whom we extend our sincere appreciation was *Cathi-Grace Clark.*

And finally there was ten year old *Clark E. McHenry,* son of Rev. Don and Ann McHenry of Sharon, Pennsylvania, who was named for Dr. Clark and who shared in the birthday party in Portland.

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Mrs. Dorothy Haeussler of the Dutch Reformed Church of Woodstock, N.Y. was honored by the 29 Guatemalan young people attending the convention in Portland. Dorothy and the young people in her Christian Endeavor society in New York raised $4,000 to help bring the Guatemalans to the Festival of Hope.

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To the Rev. George Bovill and the members of the Williston-West Church who cooked and served meals to the Guatemalans and other foreign delegates for two days before the convention opened, we say, "Thank you." Both you and the meals were wonderful.

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When Anna May Say Pa, who represented Burma at the convention, first heard of Christian Endeavor at a very young age, she thought people were going to "Christian and devil" meetings. Language, not practice, caused the misunderstanding.

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Attending the convention were James Paxson and his son, George, the grandson and great grandson of Granville Staples, president of the first Christian Endeavor Society at the Williston Church. Mildred Perkins, a niece of Harriet Clark also was present. The three are current members of the church.

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The musical team of Bernie Smith, Jane Bartholomew and Velma Van Liew was terrific. You sang even if you couldn't and all together it sounded great.

We wish a speedy recovery to:

—Dr. Gene Stone of Detroit, Michigan, former general secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Gene never did get to Portland, Maine, but, on his way to the convention, was admitted to the hospital in Hartford, Connecticut, where he spent at least ten days before returning to Detroit.

—Mrs. George Campbell, wife of the leader of the Scottish Choir, who fell on her way to Portland and broke her shoulder.

—Jean Hinton, secretary to Charles Barner in Columbus, Ohio, who fell in Portland, Maine, and also fractured her shoulder.

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We pray God's blessings on Paul Albrecht, former field secretary of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union who has assumed the position of Director of Christian Life and Youth Ministries at Eastern College, St. Davids, Pennsylvania.

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(Left) *Bernie Smith in action* **(Left center)** *Becky observing chef George Bovill* **(Right center)** *Anna May Say Pa from Burma* **(Right)** *Harold Clark sharing with a junior.*

Juniors Were There!

Jane Cattermole **(top left)** *directed the Junior Convention, which also involved participation in the General Sessions.*

Christian Endeavor is an age-oriented movement. Wherever you are in life's numerical progression there is a place for you in a Christian Endeavor group. The best place to begin is in a Junior society where the building stones of the pledge, the principles, leadership training, and character development are stressed.

Juniors were at the Portland Convention under the excellent leadership of Mrs. Jane Cattermole of Pennsylvania and Mrs. Carol Maxwell of Ohio.

Carol writes:

Over thirty children gathered for the Junior Activities each morning at the Holiday Inn. Australia, Burma, and the United States were represented among these young delegates, ranging from preschoolers upward.

Chalk drawings and Bible teaching on the four principles of Christian Endeavor were aptly presented by Dr. J. Allen Pawling of Pennsylvania.

The Juniors worked for points by completing worksheets on each day's theme and obtaining the autographs of as many delegates as possible. Each participant hoped to earn enough points to win one of Dr. Pawling's chalk drawings.

From two 10 year olds: —

At a Christian Endeavor World Convention you're bound to find a friend. I was fortunate to meet one friend from the Isle of Wight, Great Britain and one from West Virginia, U. S. A. I enjoyed getting signatures of people from all over the world for my junior project.

It was a privilege attending the Sunday service in the Williston-West Church where Christian Endeavor began. I will always remember seeing the old organ and the table used at the first Christian Endeavor meeting. I also had the opportunity to meet Dr. Clark's son and grandson.

I'm sure it pleased the Lord to have people of different races and nations fellowshipping in His name. My first World Convention gave Christian Endeavor more meaning for me. Thank you Dr. Clark!

Joy Barkley
Philadelphia, Pa.

I'll tell you what we Juniors did at the Festival of Hope. Dr. Pawling showed us the four Christian Endeavor principles with chalk drawings. Then we filled in worksheets on Confession of Christ, Service for Christ, Loyalty to Christ's Church, and Fellowship with Christ's people. We sang, "Thank You, Lord," in German to the adults and made Christian Endeavor tiles. Some of us helped to fill balloons with air and also get ready for the birthday party. I made some new friends and it was great to worship God with people of other countries.

I'm glad I'm a Junior Christian Endeavorer and was at Christian Endeavor's 100th anniversary.

Andrew Miller
Chester Springs, Penna.

AS I SEE IT

by Charles W. Barner

The Festival of Hope Christian Endeavor Convention was an unique experience in the history of this worldwide movement. It was the first time in many years that we had delegates from Burma and Korea attend a World's Convention. Many delegates arrived early to enjoy the scenic beauty of the Portland area so Pastor S. George Bovill and his faithful workers of Williston-West Church prepared delicious meals at the Home Church for the World's Union officers and other guests.

The twelve Bible teachers represented eleven different denominations or church groups and six countries. The morning Worldwide Fellowship Hour provided an opportunity for musical groups and delegates from many countries to participate and be recognized at the convention.

The air controller's strike disrupted the travel plans of many leaders and delegates. Trying to move delegates from five locations to mass meetings proved to be a major problem. Having the amplification equipment stolen prior to one evening session and the language barrier provided other challenges to those of us supervising the operation of the convention.

The convention musical team included Bernie Smith as song leader, Velma Van Liew as organist, and Mrs. Jane Bartholomew as pianist. The handbell choir from the First Christian Church in Harlingen, Texas, under the direction of Mrs. Alice Fuqua, was the largest musical group from North America.

Two other outstanding musical groups participated in the Festival of Hope Convention. The Australian group under the direction of Mr. Peter A. Fopp was featured in a two hour Christian stage show Sunday afternoon, August 16. The program included several selections about life in Australia in addition to a wide range of Christian musical selections. The group, composed of 25 singers, totals 40 people when musicians and technicians are added.

The Scottish Endeavour Singers were featured at the opening session Wednesday, August 12. The 90-voice choir thrilled the convention delegates with their Christian witness in song. Both choirs participated in the Portland Art and Music Festival by singing at Monument Square Thursday and Saturday afternoons. Each morning at the convention members of the choirs presented national and cultural songs in the worldwide fellowship segment of the convention.

The Australian choir included California, Illinois, Michigan, New York, Ontario, Washington, D.C., and West Virginia in their tour of North America, while the Scottish Singers presented concerts at Derby and Woodstock, New York; Lancaster and Mercer, Pennsylvania; Lancaster, Ohio; Worcester, Massachusetts; and Romney, New Hampshire.

The Scottish group also was promoting the Second Century Conference to be held in Edinburgh, Scotland, August 6-9, 1982, while touring North America. Endeavorers will gather in Edinburgh from all areas of the world to renew their commitment to Christ and the Church as they enter the second century of service.

With Special Permission

The delegates to the World's Convention were delighted to welcome two representatives from the German Democratic Republic to Portland, Maine. Gotthold Blumrich and Gunther Neumann had, on the invitation of the World's Christian Endeavor president, Arno Pagel, been granted permission by their government to come to the anniversary celebration. It was a real blessing to have them with us in Portland, Maine.

The Bishop in their area sent the following greetings:

Berlin, July 29, 1981

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

To your 'Festival of Hope,' celebrating the 100th anniversary of Christian Endeavor, I would like to extend greetings in the name of the Union of the Protestant Churches in the German Democratic Republic. With you we thank God for all the blessed activities during these 100 years of serving Christ all over the world.

We are very pleased that two representatives from our churches are able to participate in this wonderful and important event and thus will have an opportunity of personally expressing our fellowship with your Union.

Our best wishes for these days of celebration. May God bless you all and give you divine guidance for your future activities, so that the spirit of freedom, encouragement and good will may emanate from your movement to help alleviate some of the problems of the world and thus give hope to the many hopeless people of our generation.

Sharing your relationship with the Lord and trusting in His grace.

Sincerely,
Bishop D. Schonherr

The President's Corner

by Lavern Billig

Greetings to all of you as we conclude this great Centennial year. So many exciting things have happened during 1981 in Christian Endeavor societies, in state and provincial unions and in that tremendous Festival of Hope Convention at Portland, Maine. Young people have been challenged to follow Christ and many have accepted the challenge.

Ever since February 2, 1881, the Christian Endeavor society in the local church has been the focal point of our work. We know that without the Christian Endeavor societies there would be no need for International Christian Endeavor or the state and provincial unions. Recently, I found an item concerning Christian Endeavor societies which I would like to share with you. It is called "The Beatitudes of Christian Endeavor."

"1. Blessed is the member who never misses a meeting, for he will grow in knowledge.

2. Blessed is the member who gives his offerings cheerfully for he shall make it possible for the group to meet its obligations.

3. Blessed is the leader who helps to fill the programs with food for the mind, for there are always those who are hungry.

4. Blessed is the member who, when asked to do something, says, "Yes, trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I will."

5. Blessed is the member who attends Christian Endeavor Conventions, for he shall learn many things of value.

6. Blessed is the president who sees that all members have something to do, for it is in this way new leaders are made.

7. Blessed is the member who brings other young people to the meeting, for this is the way groups grow.

8. Blessed is the member who never quits until the task is done, for he shall accomplish much.

9. Blessed is the member who reads the "Christian Endeavor World," for he shall be well informed.

10. Blessed is the member who is a comrade of the Quiet Hour for this is the foundation of a Christian life.

11. Blessed is the member who learns the Christian Endeavor pledge for it is something to live by.

12. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for your group shall grow and flourish."

My hope and prayer is that every Christian Endeavor society in North America will grow stronger in the months ahead. If your group has a need, please remember to call on us. International Christian Endeavor is in business to serve you.

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FOCUS ON EDINBURGH

The SECOND CENTURY CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR will be held in the city of Edinburgh, Scotland, from August 6-9, 1982. Edinburgh offers many things to the visitor — a tourist center, an historical city, a city of commerce and industry, the capital of Scotland. You are invited to this city as the second 100 years of Christian Endeavor is launched.

Conference Theme

FORWARD — FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH

Daily Program

Morning — Quiet Hour • Bible Study • Discussion Groups
Afternoon — Recreation • Sight-seeing • Open Air Witness
Other Features — Communion Service • Scottish Ceilidh

Evening Speakers

Rev. Arno Pagel, Western Germany
Rev. Fred Wilson, England
Rev. Nathaniel Jarrett, United States
Incoming World President

Tour

The International Society of Christian Endeavor will conduct a 14-day Fellowship Tour to England, Ireland, and Scotland in conjunction with the Second Century Conference. The tour will be from July 31 to August 13, 1982. For full information write to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, P.O. Box 1110, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

Registration Form

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Please register me for the Second Century Conference to be held August 6-9, 1982, at Edinburgh, Scotland. I enclose $10.00 U.S. registration fee.

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